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SUBJECT: CISL MEETING WITH DC LEADERSHIP POSTPONED

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1. MARCH 1 MEETING OF CISL MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS WITH DC SECRETARY FANFANI AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS (SEE REFTEL) INDEFINITELY POSTPONED DUE TO GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

2. CISL SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI AND MAJORITY MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT REPORTEDLY DISPLEASED AT WAY MEETING PREPARATIONS HANDLED. MAJORITY HAD EVEN CONTEMPLATED LAST MINUTE BOYCOTT. SECRETARIAT MEMBER BALDINI TOLD EMBASSY THAT MEETING WAS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL DC MATTER, BUT MINORITY LEADER SCALIA HAD LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO A SOCIALIST PRESS AGENCY. SUBSEQUENT PUBLICITY EXAGGERATED SCALIA'S IMPORTANCE AND INFLUENCE, BALDINI FELT. CISL MAJORITY WAS ALSO OPPOSED TO THE PROJECTED PARTICIPATION OF EXTRANEIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ACLI AND MCL, AS WELL AS THE WXPECTED PRESENCE

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OF SEVERAL FORMER CISL ADVISERS IN WHAT THE MAJORITY CONTENTS IS

A MATTER FOR CISL ALONE TO WORK OUT WITH THE DC. SHOULD MEETING
BE RESCHEDULED, THE CISL MAJORITY INSISTS THAT IT BE A GATHERING
SOLELY BETWEEN DC LEADERSHIP AND THE CISL.

3. MEANWHILE THE CISL MINORITY THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
SECRETARIAT AND CONSEQUENT REFUSAL TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CISL
POLICIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACTED UPON. MINORITY MEMBER TACCONI IS
REPORTEDLY RELUCTANT TO RESIGN HIS SECRETARIAT POSITION. IN ANY
CASE BASIC POLITICAL DECISIONS ARE YET TO BE MADE. VOLPE

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